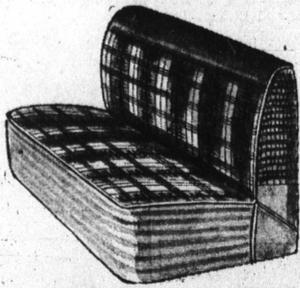


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## Deputy's Plane Stolen From Gardena Port

Charged with stealing an airplane belonging to Deputy Sheriff Bill Doran, Eugene Toler, 31-year-old wartime Canadian flier, was booked in Santa Ana jail Monday.

The plane was stolen from Gardena airport at 9 o'clock Sunday, while Sheriff's Captain Sewell Griggers and several deputies were at the airport investigating the attempted theft of another plane seven hours earlier.

An unidentified person crossed wires under the dash-board of an airplane owned by Dave Whitlow of 7046 Second ave. and began a take-off run when he crashed into another plane owned by Bob Gunnell of 646 1/2 28th st., San Pedro. The thief then fled on foot followed by a hail of bullets fired by a night watchman.

While Captain Griggers and his aides were seeking fingerprints from the two smashed planes, Doran's plane was stolen. Orange County officers arrested the pilot of the plane, identified as Toler, after a landing on Aliso Beach, two miles south of Laguna Beach. Toler is said to have served 10 months for previous theft of an airplane from the Gardena airport.

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DE MOLAY OFFICERS . . . Installed in impressive rites Saturday evening in Masonic Temple were officers who will serve Torrance Chapter, Order of De Molay, during the ensuing term; Pictured are (l. to r., front row) Merwin Jarrett, junior counselor; Bill Morgan, master counselor; Tommy Johnston, senior counselor and (second row, l. to r.) appointive officers, Onal Harris, Paul Findley, Wilson Paxton, Gerald McIlvaine, Frank Pour, Jr., David Babcock, Leroy Swigart, (third row, l. to r.) David Baker, Walter Bacon, Bob Bowers, Frank Norris, Bob Voien, Bill Dominguez, Alan Mephram, Robert Denty, George Whiting and Donald Bingham. (Homer Morgan photo).

## President To Salute Chest Drive Workers

President Harry S. Truman will lead the nation in a salute to more than 1000 Community Chests about to have their 1947 campaigns, tomorrow evening (Friday) September 26, when he will be joined by H. J. Heinz, II, now a guest of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Chest and by six radio and motion picture stars, according to Sam Levy, Torrance campaign chairman.

Major network stations will carry the program on behalf of Red Feather health, welfare, veterans and youth agencies from 6:30 to 7 p. m., Pacific Time. The president will be introduced by Margaret O'Brien. Other stars scheduled to be heard are Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour and James Stewart, the latter speaking from Chicago.

Heinz, who is national chairman of Community Chests, will reply to the president from a Los Angeles station.

### VIEWING METAL

The color of a metal can be seen much better if it is viewed by means of light which has been reflected many times off its surface, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. Thus, the inside of a smooth gold vase appears much richer in color than the outside.

## VISTA HIGHLANDS' NEW DEVELOPMENT FAVORED

Investigation has indicated that residents of the Vista Highlands district overwhelmingly approve the move for improvements for which they signed a requesting petition, according to the committee in charge of the development.

These include streets, walks, curbs, gutters and other betterments. "The opinion of the people is divided only on the question of expense, there being those having a 'willing and well worth it' attitude, and those who voice objection to what they consider a high cost figure as named in the estimate," said a news report from the committee. "Many have made it known that when they signed a protest petition they had the cost figure alone in mind and did not realize they would thereby stop all proceedings without opportunity to discuss and negotiate as under ordinary circumstances."

"It has been suggested that the gasoline tax monies should aid and support the people's funds in bearing the expense, and with two main highways bordering the area, all are agreed there is a definite duty here. It is the right of the property owners to claim this assistance, a move made possible only by their united efforts. A majority protest stating that the improvements are not desired would defeat the entire purpose without any attempt to take advantage of the just and rightful claim of the people."

"Proponents agree that while they feel the requested improvements are well worth while at only \$1.00 a year per front foot, there are definite possibilities of further deductions, lessening the cost. It is with high hope for this in view that they have urged any signers of the aforesaid protest petition, to withdraw their names making negotiations for further savings possible. In the event that no satisfactory solution is reached by these efforts, the will of the majority may then still call a halt to all proceedings.

"According to information received at the Torrance City Hall regarding the mechanics of 'Improvement Act of 1911', through which act of Legislature property owners of the Vista Highlands area may attain the improvement they request, preliminary estimates are required to begin procedure for forming an assessment district. After final plans and specifications are prepared, sealed bids are taken. Any bids exceeding the final estimate by more than 10 per cent must be rejected without consideration.

"The cost of a full block is prorated among the owners hereof, as the fairest way of sharing expenses equally among all owning lots of equal frontage. In this way, since the estimate is made on an area benefit basis rather than a front footage benefit, people owning corner lots will be required to pay no more than their middle-of-the-block neighbors whose lot is of equal footage. Where owners have sidewalks already fronting on their property, the cost of the existing sidewalk will be deleted from their assessments.

"A meeting was held Sept. 24 at the home of Fay Parks for members of the community involved with the purpose of discussing all possibilities and presenting an opportunity to have all questions answered by those in authority to answer accurately. By this means, rumors and misinformation among all interested parties have been corrected.

"Since understanding of the problem and proceedings necessary is the right of every property owner, the committee consisting of Jack Long, Fay Parks and John E. Jones had urged the presence of their neighbors and had invited Glenn Jain, city engineer, to be present with all reports on the issue; and also, Harold A. Barnett who determined the estimate of the cost."

Students will be given an opportunity to register for clubs and extra-curricular activities on Tuesday, September 30. The club organizations will be planned in two cycles. One cycle will meet every other week. This type of schedule will make it possible for a student to be a member of two extra-curricular clubs.

Torrance High School opens the football season with a night game on Friday evening, September 26th at the Redondo Stadium with Covina High School. All Torrance home games are being played in the Sea Hawk (Redondo) Stadium this season. It is felt that night football games would make it possible for more patrons to attend the games and enjoy this time to better advantage, rather than hold the games in the afternoon. Adult tickets for these games will be available at the stadium; only student sales will be conducted before the game.

Waller said: "Enthusiasm and interest is at its peak by the end of the second week of school. The first edition of the school newspaper will be off the press by the end of this week. The rally held last Friday was very well attended. The dramatic department has announced that try-outs for the first school play will be held the first of next week. All in all, the new semester is getting off to a fine start."

ALMOND HULLS USED  
Tannin extract for tanning leather may be obtained from almond hulls, a University of California College of Agriculture expert has found.

### DOING FALL SEWING?

The American Red Cross advises housewives to beware of leaving pins and scissors within the reach of baby. Holding pins in the mouth is not an effective substitute for a pin cushion. Roger C. Plaisted, director of Accident Prevention for Los Angeles Red Cross chapter, warned.

### PREVENT ACCIDENTS

In pointing out the need for education in accident prevention, Roger C. Plaisted, director of first aid, water safety and accident prevention at Los Angeles Red Cross chapter, revealed that accidents cause more deaths among children from one to 14 years of age than pneumonia, diarrhea, whooping cough, diphtheria, measles, spinal meningitis, infantile paralysis and scarlet fever, all combined.



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